

TITLE: District's K-12 Open Enrollment Transfers for

Elementary and Secondary Students

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POLICY: Beginning April 3, 2017, the guidelines and procedures specified herein shall govern the

processing of Open Enrollment Transfers for Elementary and Secondary students.

MAJOR This bulletin updates School Management Services, Bulletin No. 6491.1 of the same subject,

CHANGES: dated April 1, 2016. It also reflects the current organizational structure of School Management Services/Master Planning and Demographics within Facilities Services

Division and provides a new contact information.

The Open Enrollment Process accepts electronic online applications.

The paper application will remain intact, for those individuals who would like to submit by paper method. Please reference Section III of this bulletin for more details on the application

ROUTING

Local District

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Principals

Instructional Administrators and

Administrators of Operations and

Instructional Directors

Operations Coordinators

School Administrative Assistants

process.

School drawings will no longer be conducted by individual school sites. The Office of School Choice will conduct a random unbiased electronic lottery process, wherever

necessary. Please reference Section III of this bulletin for more details.

GUIDELINES: The following guidelines apply.

I. BACKGROUND

On July 22, 1993, Governor Wilson signed into law a bill intended to increase parental choice options within California's public schools. Assembly Bill 1114 mandates public school choice within a school district (intradistrict choice). Only families residing within the boundaries of Los Angeles Unified School District may participate in this choice option. It required school districts to enact its provisions for the 1994-95 school year and thereafter, and to adopt an Open Enrollment Transfer procedure as a condition for receipt of apportionments from the State School Fund.



The regular school kindergarten-12th grade Open Enrollment Transfer procedure is another choice provided to parents in addition to the following existing options:

- 1. Magnet Schools/Centers
- 2. Permits with Transportation (PWT)
- 3. Public School Choice
- 4. School for Advanced Studies (SAS)
- 5. Inter-district Permits (Please refer to BUL-5341.2)
- 6. Intra-district Permits (Please refer to BUL-5347.1)
- 7. California Open Enrollment, Act SBX5 4 (Romero)

Procedures and guidelines for these programs are detailed in separate bulletins.

II. GUIDELINES FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT TRANSFERS

A. Resident Students

- 1. No kindergarten-12th grade student who currently resides in the attendance area of a regular school shall be displaced from that school by open enrollment transferred students.
- 2. Open Enrollment applications must have resident addresses within the LAUSD attendance boundary.

C. Guidelines for Identifying Classroom Space for Open Enrollment Transfers

- 1. Each year, classroom space is identified for resident and special education students, continuing permit students, traveling students, and projected resident growth. Remaining space may be utilized for open enrollment transfers and will be identified by the principal during the E-CAST process in the spring.
- 2. A Reference Guide issued in March from Facilities Services Division, *Open Enrollment Transfers Timeline for K-12 Students*, for the subsequent school year provides application dates for accepting Open Enrollment Transfers.

D. Integration Guidelines

- 1. The school principal has the responsibility of monitoring the school's integration ratio on an ongoing basis. Principals are encouraged to enhance the integration status of their schools through choice and option programs.
- 2. Schools that are integrated, based on the current year's Ethnic Survey Report, may accept any child as long as space is available, as identified in the current reference guide; the school maintains its integration status; and its Other White (OW) percentage does not exceed 60 percent (or, where indicated, 70 percent) of the total school population.



- 3. Predominantly Hispanic, Black, Asian, and Other Non-Anglo (PHBAO) schools that have an OW percentage within the 25-29.9 percent range must maintain their OW percentage within available space as indicated in the current reference guide.
- 4. PHBAO schools that have an OW percentage within the 0-24.9 percent range are not restricted by any integration guidelines that would prevent the parental choice process from being implemented, as long as the school has classroom space available as identified in the current reference guide.

E. <u>Transportation Guidelines</u>

Open Enrollment Transfers do not carry transportation privileges.

F. Matriculation Guidelines

- 1. Once an Open Enrollment Transfer is granted, it is valid through the final grade offered by the school. The transfer cannot be canceled by the school. Annual renewal is not required. If a parent/guardian cancels an open enrollment transfer, the student must return to the school of residence. The parent/guardian will be able to complete a new open enrollment application the following spring for the next school year.
- 2. Siblings of open enrollment students shall be issued an Open Enrollment Transfer in order to keep the family together. Principals are reminded that, depending on the number of siblings, the amount of available space at a school could be significantly decreased. Siblings who are new open enrollment enrollees increase the authorized number of open enrollment transfers by one for each sibling accommodated.
- 3. When a student matriculates to the next school level (i.e., middle school or high school), a new Open Enrollment Transfer application must be made. To assist schools at the next school level, a new application must be made to the school of choice. Due to limited space at many District schools, matriculation through the open enrollment process to the next school is not guaranteed and applications will be combined with other applications. If the total number of applicants exceeds the number of available spaces, a drawing shall take place.

G. Special Education Guidelines

1. Upon receipt of a paper application, clock in the application and follow the same procedures as you would for any Open Enrollment Application. If the student is selected in the regular district process, notify your Special Education Service Center of the student's selection in order for the appropriate supports and services to be provided.



- 2. Refer any operational questions regarding special education programs to the Special Education Service Center, Operations at (213) 241-6701.
- 3. Refer any instructional questions regarding special education programs to the Special Education Service Center, Instructional to the contacts listed below.

Local District	Telephone Number
Northeast	(818) 686-4400
Northwest	(818) 654-5001
South	(310) 354-3431
East	(323) 224-3309
West	(310) 235-3700
Central	(213) 241-4630

H. Athletic Eligibility Guidelines

All transfer applications for senior high school students, grades 9 through 12, are subject to the limitations of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) "Rules and Regulations Governing Interscholastic Athletics". High school students in interscholastic athletics who apply for open enrollment should complete an "Athletic Certification for Open Enrollment Transfer" form at the same time. Questions regarding student interscholastic athletic eligibility should be referred to Trent Cornelius, Interscholastic Athletics at (213) 241-5847.

I. Opportunity Transfer Guidelines

Opportunity transfer students may apply for open enrollment as long as the receiving school administrator can confirm on the MiSIS Student Transfer Form/PAR that the conditions for the return to the home school have been met. If the conditions have been met, the student takes the MiSIS Student Transfer Form/PAR to the home school for its information and records. The student or the parent/guardian then initiates the Open Enrollment Application process by requesting that the home school administrator sign the application. The student or the parent/guardian then applies to the school of choice. If the conditions have not been met, the opportunity transfer student may <u>not</u> apply for open enrollment.

III. OPEN ENROLLMENT TRANSFER PROCEDURES

- A. A transfer application will be provided to all parents/guardians who request one from any Los Angeles Unified School District school.
- B. Transfer applications can be submitted online or by traditional paper application.

Parents/guardians may apply for District K-12 Open Enrollment *online* or use the *traditional paper application*.

ONLINE SUBMISSION

If parents/guardians choose to submit their application online, the steps are outlined below:

The online application is available on the District K-12 Open Enrollment website and https://apply.lausd.net

- Families must create a parent account (username and password) to access the account. (If a parent applied for a magnet program online or last year submitted an online Open Enrollment application, the same parent account can be used for this year's Open Enrollment.)
- Please reference the Open
 Enrollment User Guide on the
 website for any questions
 regarding parent account
 registration, or email
 applyforschools@lausd.net
 any additional questions.
- The online application requires the electronic signature of a parent or guardian.

PAPER SUBMISSION

If parents/guardians choose to submit their paper application using the traditional process, the steps are outlined below:

- Central Office will distribute paper applications to school sites for families to complete.
 School sites will receive these applications before May 1st.
 Paper applications will arrive via school mail in a green envelope.
- Please do not make blank copies.
 Central Office cannot properly scan an application that is a copy from an original application. If you need additional forms, please contact Master Planning and Demographics at (213) 241-8044.
- The application must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian.
- Parents/Guardians can submit paper applications to their school of choice.



ONLINE SUBMISSION	PAPER SUBMISSION
For informational purposes only, the Office of School Choice will notify schools of attendance about each resident student's open enrollment application.	- School sites are responsible to ensure that all paper applications they receive are both complete and legible. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
	- Staff at the school of choice makes hardcopies of paper applications and keeps these copies on file.
	- Staff at the school of choice must send all original completed paper applications it has received to Master Planning and Demographics on a daily basis, as soon as paper applications are received, and until the year's Open Enrollment is officially over. Please do not wait until the end of the Open Enrollment application date to submit. Mail applications to the following school mail address:
	Master Planning and Demographics c/o Asset Management Branch 23rd Floor, Beaudry
	- Sending all paper applications to the Master Planning and Demographics ensures that all Open Enrollment applications are accounted for in the event an electronic lottery is required for a school.



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	- Online applications, along with paper applications, may exceed the declared number of Open Enrollment seats requiring an electronic lottery. Office staff should not inform parents/guardians of the status of their application until it is official.

- C. A Reference Guide issued in March from the Facilities Services Division, *Open Enrollment Transfers Timeline for K-12 Students* for the subsequent school year, will give specific dates for application and notification.
- D. Once the open enrollment deadline date has passed, no late applications will be accepted until the selection process has closed. After schools received their District K-12 Open Enrollment rosters, they may accept late applications in the order they are received. If there are declared Open Enrollment seats available, schools may accept and enroll the students. If there are no declared Open Enrollment Seats available, late applicants may be added to the waitlist in the order they are received.
- E. If the number of applicants does not exceed the number of available spaces, and integration guidelines are met, all applicants will be accepted until the designated available space is exhausted or the deadline date occurs, whichever occurs first.
- F. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of available spaces, a random, unbiased electronic drawing (managed by the Office of School Choice) shall be used.
 - 1. Individual schools will no longer be responsible for conducting a lottery process.
 - 2. The Office of School Choice will conduct a random, unbiased electronic drawing for all schools where one is required (applications exceed the number of available seats).
 - 3. The Office of School Choice will provide each school with a list of accepted students along with a ranked wait list of remaining applicants. This list will be available on the Open Enrollment Portal.



- 4. In all electronic drawings, when one sibling's name is drawn and accepted, other sibling shall also be issued open enrollment transfers to that same school. The authorized number of Open Enrollment Transfers is to be increased by one for each sibling accommodated.
- 5. Families with more than one child or families with twin children shall complete an individual open enrollment application (either electronically or via paper) for each child. In the case of a paper submission, open enrollment applications must not be stapled together or combined in any manner.
- 6. Open Enrollment Transfers shall be issued to those on the waiting list only to replace those original applications who have either withdrawn their applications or who have not enrolled by the end of the first week of the assigned track of the new school year. School site administrators will be responsible for notifying individuals on the wait list (in order of wait list rank) if/when seats become available.
- 7. Parents/guardians of students selected by the electronic drawing shall be notified of their acceptance either by mail or email (depending on their preferred form of communication as indicated on their application). Parents/guardians of all other applicants shall be notified by the school of choice of their positions on the waiting list and subsequently notified promptly if their children become eligible for open enrollment transfers.
- G. For students newly arriving in the residence area of Satellite Zone (SAT) or Capacity Adjustment Program (CAP) school, the usual time constraints for open enrollment applications do not apply. The school is to inform students and parents/guardians regarding all options and assist in determining where space is available in another school. Parents/guardians shall be responsible for student transportation.

IV. APPEALS

Denial of an Open Enrollment Application is final and not subject to appeal.

V. RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLICITY

A. A Reference Guide issued in March from Facilities Services Division, *Open Enrollment Transfers Timeline for K-12 Students* for the subsequent school year, will be available on the District website for the information of all District schools and offices.



- B. All school principals will provide District and school information concerning open enrollment transfers to students, parents, and the community. Copies of all publicity materials concerning open enrollment applications should be retained in the files at each school.
- C. News releases concerning open enrollment policies and procedures will be disseminated by the Public Information Office prior to the open enrollment application period. Specific questions concerning open enrollment policies and procedures should be directed to the school principal or Rena Perez / Vincent Maffei in Master Planning and Demographics at (213) 241-7599 / (213) 241-7597.

VI. REPORTING OPEN ENROLLMENT TRANSFER ACTIVITY

- A. Once a new student Open Enrollment Transfer application has been approved, the school of choice must notify the applicant by an approval letter with a copy sent to the school attendance. The school of attendance, upon request from the parent/guardian of the open enrollment applicant, will release the student and issue a Student Transfer Form from MiSIS. For directions to generate the report, refer to the "Student Transfer Form" Job Aide, available at https://misis.lausd.net. The open enrollment applicant must take the Student Transfer Form to the new school of choice to enroll.
- B. When the student enrolls, the Open Enrollment Transfer information shall be entered by the new school of choice on the MiSIS Student Enrollment screen. On the student's new enrollment record for the school, enter the following information:
 - 1. Permit Code- Select "Open Enrollment"
 - 2. Permit Issue Date- Select date of first day of enrollment at school
 - 3. Permit End Date- Not required for Open Enrollment Permit
- C. For further information and directions for enrolling a student in MiSIS refer to "Enroll Student and Assign Classes" Job Aide available at https://misis.lausd.net.
- D. The MiSIS Student Permit List may be used to print a list of students with permits, including Open Enrollment Permits. The report is located on the MiSIS Report Menu under Enrollment.
- E. In October of each year, all schools will complete an Annual Student Open Enrollment Transfer Tally Report for Master Planning and Demographics as required by the terms of Assembly Bill 1114 (1993).



VII. APPLICATION FORM

A sample Open Enrollment Transfer application form is included as Attachment A.

The application form posted online is intended to be used **only** as a sample for families applying by paper method. Central Office will provide paper applications to be received by school sites before the Open Enrollment application period begins, for distribution to interested parents/guardians.

Please do not make blank copies. If you require additional forms, please contact Master Planning and Demographics at 213-241-8044. Your request will be processed immediately.

VIII. SAMPLE LETTERS

A sample notification letter of approval (Attachment B) and a sample waiting-list letter (Attachment C) are included.

IX. REFERENCE GUIDE

A Reference Guide from Facilities Services Division, *Open Enrollment Transfers Timeline for K-12 Students*, will be updated and reissued annually for the next school year.

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AUTHORITY: This is a policy of School Management Services/Master Planning and Demographics, Facilities Services Division.

RELATED REF-6470.2, *Open Enrollment Transfers Timeline for K-12 Students for 2017-18*, dated March 8, 2017, and issued by Facilities Services Division.

School personnel and parents may visit the District K-12 Open Enrollment website and https://apply.lausd.net for the online application.

ASSISTANCE: For assistance or further information, please contact Vincent Maffei, Master Planning and Demographics at (213) 241-7597 / (213) 241-8044.



ATTACHMENT A

OPEN ENROLLMENT TRANSFER APPLICATION Parents/Guardians: Completed applications should be submitted to one of the selected Schools of Choice between May 1 and May 19, 2017			
Please PRINT in INK and fill out compl			
	STUDE	NT PROFILE	
First Name MI Address School student is now attending	Last Name City		Student's Ethnicity (Check one) American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian Back, not Hispanic Hispanic White, not Hispanic Filipino Pacific Islander
	SIBLING I	NFORMATION	
Does the student listed in the Student Profile the same school of choice during the applica Information below.	Section above have a sibling applying for		ist school name:
First Name	MI Last Name	T PROFILE	Birthday Sex M F
Parent/Guardian's Last N	ame	MI Extension	First Name
Home Phone		SELECTIONS	Email Address
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2.	Cost Center Code	5.	Cost Center Code
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Signature of Parent/Guardian		dependent upon accurate and complete in	formation Date
Signature of Administrator (or designed Signature acknowledges receipt of app			Date
FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY Please xerox and keep a copy of this application on file. Return the original via school mail as soon as the application is received. Applications must be received no later than May 24th School Management Services			
		ement Branch 23rd Floor	



ANEXO A

SOLICITUI	D DE TRANSFERENCI	A DE MATRICULAC	CIÓN ABIERTA
Padres/Tutor	es: Se deberán entregar las solicitudes entre Mayo 1 y N	llenas a una de las Escuelas de Ope Nayo 19 de 2017	ción seleccionadas
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	INFORMACIÓN	DE HERMANOS	
que solicita admisión a la misma	l del Estudiante anterior tiene un hermano Escuela de Opción durante el ciclo de la ormación del hermano en líneas posteriores.		ror liste el nombre de la escuela:
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Apellido del Padre		EL PADRE	Nombre
() Núm. de Teléfono en Casa	Núm. de Teléfano Laboral o de Emergencia	Extension	Correo electrónico
Escuela de Opción (Esc	SELECCIONES cuelanda cual el estudiante se quieve transferir)	3.	
	digo del Centro de costo	4.	del Centro de costo
Coc	ligo del Centro de costo	5. Codigo o	del Centro de costo
NOTAS: Padres o t	midad con las reglas de la California Interecholas utores deberán planear para proveer su propio tra ción al siguiente grado escolar no se puede garan	ansporte para los estudiantes que se transfi	eren con matriculación abierta.
Firma del Padre/Tutor	El trámite de esta solicitud está sujeta a la	entrega de información completa y correct	a Fecha
Firma del Administrador o persona a firma sólo indica que se recibió	designada de la Escuela de Opción. la solicitud.		Fecha
Please xerox and kee	ep a copy of this application on file. Return	DL USE ONLY the original via school mail as soon as ived no later than May 24th	the application is received.
		ement Services ent Branch 23rd Floor	



ATTACHMENT B

SCHOOL LETTERHEAD

SAMPLE NOTIFICATION LETTER

Dear Parent or Guardian:	
I am pleased to inform you that your SY 2020 Op child	pen Enrollment Transfer Application for your
(name of student)	(date of birth)
has been approved to attend (name	School.
Please take this letter to your current school of attendar Form/PAR. This will officially release your child from school it is important that you bring the MiSIS Student	n that school. When you enroll your child at our
We look forward to seeing you at our school. If you pl our school, please let us know as soon as possible. If y at (school phone number)	
Sincerely,	
c: Current School of Attendance	



ANEXO B

LA FORMA OFICIAL DE LA ESCUELA

CARTA DE NOTIFICACION

Estimado Padre o Tutor:
Tenemos el agrado de informale que la solicitud de transferencia de inscripción abierta para el
año 2020, para su hijo/a
(nombre del estudiante)
, ha sido aprobada para que asista a la escuela
(fecha de nacimiento)
School
(nombre de la escuela)
Por favor lleve esta carta a su actual escuela de asistencia y solicite un informe de la cuenta de los
alumnos (PAR, siglas en inglés). Eso, oficialmente de la salida a su hijo/a de esa escuela. Cuando su
hijo/a se inscriba en nuestra escuela, es importante que triaga el formulario MiSIS Estudiante Formulario
de Transferencia/PAR con usted.
Esperamos verlo pronto en nuestra escuela. Si sus planes cambian y su hijo/a no asistira a nuestra escuela
favor de avisarnos lo mas pronto posible. Si tienen alguna pregunta, por favor llame a la oficina de la
escuela al (numero de teléfono de la escuela)
Atentamente,
c: Escuela actual de asistencia



ATTACHMENT C

SCHOOL LETTERHEAD

SAMPLE WAITING-LIST LETTER

Dear Parent or Guardian:	
I am sorry to inform you that your child	
	(name of student)
	_has not been selected in the open enrollment
(date of birth)	
random selection process for	School.
(nam	e of school)
Therefore, your child's name is placed on the waiting	
contacted by our school staff between now and	(see reference guide for deadline date)
If you have any questions please call the school office	
	(school phone number)
Sincerely,	



ANEXO C

LA FORMA OFICIAL DE LA ESCUELA

CARTA DE LA LISTA DE ESPERA

Estimado Padre o Tutor:	
Sentimos mucho tener que informale que la solicitud d	e transferencia de inscripción abierta
para su hijo/a	,
(nombre del estudiante	
	_, no fue elegido en el proceso de selección al
(fecha de nacimiento)	
azar para la escuela (nomb	School. re de la escuela)
Por lo tanto, el nombre de su hijo/a ha sido colocado	en la lista de espera de la escuela. Si ocurren
vacancias, nuestro personal le avisará entre esta fecha y	(vea la guia de referencia para encontrar la fecha)
Si tienen alguna pregunta, pro favor llame a la oficina d	e la escuela al
	(numero de teléfono de la escuela)
Atentamente,	